

# Legal Action: Chelmsford?

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It was indeed a superb piece.

Could any further legal challenges be possible to the planners decision, I noted that the District Council issued a press statement saying that it had made available a set of 'criteria' by which the family could seek planning permission at an alternative location. It did not say that other locations were identified. This leads me to believe that the District Councils Local Plan and presumably the County Structure Plan has not identified any specific locations in that area where Gypsy sites could be developed. If that is so surely a Judicial Review of the planning decisions could be mounted on the basis of the Butler V Bath & North East Somerset and the other authorities in the old Avon area ( including my own ). The principle was established that criteria based policies are insufficient on their own. Therefore could not the Bulkington family make a case that it was not a reasonable decision by the District Council to refuse planning permission but also the decision to take enforcement action to evict is unreasonable as the Council has failed to identify any locations for potential Gypsy site development in there area where it could refer the family to. I know they do

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Hi Grattan,

SKY TV have been in touch and are going to the Court tomorrow and will also be going back to Bulkington with the Travellers to do an extensive report on three eviction.

Also Cliff, John Lee, the MP, and Two residents of Bulkinton Village and also a member of planning, will be at the BBC Coventry Radio live program on Monday Morning. The program will be a live debate on the full issue of Travellers getting homes and permission and should be interesting listening. The program is running for an hour.

Open Country Radio 4 Program on Saturday is featuring the story of what is becoming known as the Battle of Bulkington.

I have asked John Lee to contact the police and ask for police protection for the women and children while the men are in London at the court hearing. And what makes this even more scary Grattan, is the Young Woman found murdered at Stratford is a Gypsy Girl,

This has put fear in the Travelling community again to think a member of the community has been murdered. I believe she is one of the Neddicks a dark skinned family from the West Midlands.

Cliff